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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, MORNING APRIL 27

1. SUMMARY: UN SPECIAL GA SESSION ON NAMIBIA CONTINUED
MORNING APRIL 27. AFRICAN SPEAKERS (LIBERIA, KENYA,
IVORY COAST, MALI) CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE WALVIS BAY AS
INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA AND A WEAK POINT OF WESTERN FIVE
PROPOSAL. EASTERN EUROPEANS (POLAND AND UKRAINE) DENOUN-
CED AS HYPOCRISY WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL FOR NAMIBIA'S
INDEPENDENCE ON ONE HAND, AND WESTERN INVESTMENT IN SOUTH
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AFRICA ON OTHER. MOROCCO, WHILE LAUDATORY OF WESTERN FIVE
EFFORTS WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF OMISSION FROM PROPOSAL OF
PROVISION ON WALVIS BAY. FRANCE AS ONLY WESTERN FIVE
SPEAKER ASKED SPECIAL SESSION TO GIVE PROPOSAL A CHANCE
AND DISCUSSED GUIDING PRINCIPLES BEHIND IT. ALL SPEAKERS
WERE RESERVED IN COMMENTING ON SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE
OF FIVE'S PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

2. POLISH PERMREP JAROSZEK ASSOCIATED HIS COUNTRY WITH EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH SWAPO AND OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS AND TOOK CREDIT ON BEHALF OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR "THE QUALITATIVELY NEW SITUATION" AND THE "DECOLONIZATION OF AFRICA OVER LAST 30 YEARS." HE WAS CRITICAL OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT AND MILITARY MIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICA. NATO COUNTRY LABELS, HE SAID, ARE QUITE PROMINENT ON NUCLEAR SUPPLIES GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA IN "OPEN DEFIANCE" OF UN RESOLUTIONS. CRITICIZING WESTERN VETOES IN THE SC, HE ASKED HOW DECOLONIZATION COULD OCCUR IN NAMIBIA WHILE PRETORIA IS SUPPLIED AND SUPPORTED BY THE WEST. POLAND SUPPORTS COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA CALLS FOR ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND NUCLEAR EMBARGOES AND BELIEVES WALVIS BAY IS A PART OF NAMIBIA.

3. FRANCE (LEPRETTE) ASKED THAT THE SESSION ACCEPT THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL AS A WHOLE; IF NECESSARY, CRITICISM COULD BE MADE LATER. HE THEN DISCUSSED GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSE OF PROPOSALS. IN CONCLUSION, FRANCE STATED THAT IT HOPED THE DOOR WOULD NOT BE SHUT ON THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF IT.

4. UKRAINE (MARTYNENKO) LASHED OUT AT WESTERN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA. CITING STATISTICS UNCLASSIFIED

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ON BANKING AND PROFITS, HE CASTIGATED WESTERN POWERS FOR AT ONCE SUPPORTING SOUTH AFRICA AND HYPOCRITICALLY CLAIMING TO BE TRYING TO BRING ABOUT AN ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA. HE AFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE LUSAKA DECLARATION AND SWAPO.

5. MOROCCO (CHARGE ZAIMI) DECLARED THAT SWAPO IS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND THAT NO SETTLEMENT COULD BE MADE WITHOUT SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE. HE LAUDED WESTERN FIVE EFFORTS AND NOTED DIFFICULTIES IN RECONCILING WESTERN AND AFRICAN SECURITY CONCERNS. MOROCCO FIRMLY SUPPORTS SWAPO IN ITS CLAIMS THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. WITHOUT THIS TERRITORY MOROCCO FEARED A YOUNG NAMIBIA COULD BE ECONOMICALLY STIFLED.

6. LIBERIA (FONMIN DENNIS) SAID SWAPO DESERVED HIGH COMMENDATION -- ANY FORMULA FOR SETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE SWAPO. LIBERIA WELCOMED WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS IN KEEPING WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385 AND RESERVED COMMENT ON SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL. HIS KIND WORDS FOR PROPOSAL WERE MODIFIED LATER BY SAYING THAT

"ON THE WHOLE, THE PROPOSAL IS A REASONALBE BASIS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS; IT HOWEVER CANNOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT RESERVATION." HE NOTED OMISSION OF WALVIS BAY IN PROPOSAL AND APPEALED TO WESTERN FIVE TO GO FORWARD WITH A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AND DECLARE WALVIS BAY AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA.

7. KENYA (FONMIN WAIYAKI) TOUCHED UPON THE THREAT OF SOUTH AFRICA TO "TERRORIZE" FREE AFRICAN STATES WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONRY. HE THEN POINTED TO "GROSS SHORTCOMINGS" OF THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS, E.G., EXCLUSION OF WALVIS BAY,

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MAINTENANCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES DURING TRANSITION PERIOD, AND DANGER OF INFLUENCED OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF POLICE AND ETHNIC FORCES. HE CALLED ON WESTERN FIVE TO EXERT FURTHER PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA -- "TO MATCH GOOD INTENTIONS WITH GOOD ACTIONS." HE WAS MILDLY CRITICAL OF THE FIVE FOR CIRCUMVENTING UN

MACHINERY WHICH COULD DO HARM TO THE ORGANIZATION. HE ASSOCIATED GOK WITH SWAPO AND ITS ARMED STRUGGLE, REJECTED ANY INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WHICH MIGHT BE ATTEMPTED BY SOUTH AFRICA AND CALLED FOR APPROPRIATE CHAPTER 7 SANCTIONS.
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8. IVORY COAST (FONMIN AKE) GAVE WESTERN FIVE "RESERVED SUPPORT" FOR THEIR PROPOSALS BUT ASSAILED EXCLUSION OF WALVIS BAY. IN THAT CONNECTION, HE SAID SOME POINTS OF THE PROPOSAL NEED CLARIFICATION AND FURTHER NEGOTIATION -- THAT THE WESTERN FIVE PLAN HAD "SHORTCOMINGS, WEAKNESSES, AND IMPRECISIONS." HE HAILED SWAPO FLEXIBILITY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND HOPED THIS ATTITUDE WOULD PREVAIL IN THE FUTURE. HE CONCLUDED THAT GOIC "PREFERRED THE CONFERENCE TABLE TO THE BATTLEFIELD."

9. MALI (KANTE) DENOUNCED NATO COUNTRIES FOR SUPPORTING SOUTH AFRICA AND MAKING IT THE "LARGEST MILITARY POWER IN THE WORLD." HE ALSO ASSAILED SOUTH AFRICA RE NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT AND THE TURNHALLE CONFERENCE BUT RESERVED COMMENT ON SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION, HE POINTED TO THE PROPOSAL AS DELIBERATELY SIDE-STEPPING WALVIS BAY WHICH, HE ASSERTED, IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. HE WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF THE CONFUSION RAISED BY THE ROLE OF THE SYG'S SPECIAL REP AND OF VAGUENESS ON DISMANTLING OF TRIBAL ARMIES AND ARMED WHITE FARMERS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD. HE URGED THE FIVE TO CLARIFY THESE POINTS. YOUNG

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